

REMARKS

Claims 48-61 are added herein. Claims 1-61 now remain pending in the application.

The Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider earlier rejections in light of the following remarks. No new issues are raised nor is further search required as a result of the changes made herein. Entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10, 15 and 17-47 over Gleeson

In the Office Action, claims 1-10, 15 and 17-47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,446,736 to Gleeson et al. ("Gleeson"). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 1-10, 15 and 17-47 recite a plurality of wireless networks to communicate messages between a client device and a server; and to support one or more wireless network protocols.

The Examiner relies on Gleeson at col. 6, lines 4-41 to allegedly disclose a wireless WAN used by PCs to communicate with a server using any one of a number of conventional protocols to disclose a plurality of wireless networks to communicate messages between a client device and a server (see Office Action, page 3). However, Gleeson at col. 6, lines 4-41 describes a single wireless network 100 that is in communicate with server 124. Thus, Gleeson fails to disclose or suggest a plurality of wireless networks, as recited by claims 1-10, 15 and 17-47.

Claims 1-10, 15 and 17-47 recite a protocol gateway to encapsulate a fundamental network protocol, the fundamental network protocol underlining each of one or more wireless network protocols and to include a protocol stack that corresponds substantially to an Open System Interconnection (OSI) model and incorporates a simple network transport layer (SNTL).

The Examiner relies on Gleeson at col. 6, lines 57-61 and Figs. 2, 5 and 6 to disclose a protocol gateway to encapsulate a fundamental network protocol and to include a protocol stack that corresponds substantially to an Open System Interconnection (OSI) model and incorporates a simple network

transport layer (SNTL) (see Office Action, page 3). However, Gleeson specifically discloses his invention overcomes the conventional deficiency of using a protocol gateway at col. 3, lines 18-30. Thus, Gleeson's invention **teaches away** from and **LACKS** a protocol gateway. Moreover, Gleeson fails to even mention a simple network transport layer. Thus, Gleeson fails to disclose a protocol gateway to encapsulate a fundamental network protocol, much less a protocol gateway to include a protocol stack that corresponds substantially to an Open System Interconnection (OSI) model and incorporates a simple network transport layer (SNTL), as recited by claims 1-10, 15 and 17-47.

Thus, Gleeson fails to disclose each and every recited claimed feature, i.e., **does not anticipate** claims 1-10, 15 and 17-47.

Accordingly, for at least all the above reasons, claims 1-10, 15 and 17-47 are patentable over the prior art of record. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 11-14 and 16 over Gleeson in view of Meyer

In the Office Action, claims 11-14 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Gleeson in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,778,099 to Meyer et al. ("Meyer"). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claims 11-14 and 16 recite a plurality of wireless networks to communicate messages between a client device and a server; and to support one or more wireless network protocols; and a protocol gateway to encapsulate a fundamental network protocol, the fundamental network protocol underlining each of one or more wireless network protocols and to include a protocol stack that corresponds substantially to an Open System Interconnection (OSI) model and incorporates a simple network transport layer (SNTL), as recited by claims 11-14 and 16.

As discussed above, the Gleeson fails to disclose or suggest a plurality of wireless networks to communicate messages between a client device and a server; and to support one or more wireless network protocols; and a protocol gateway to encapsulate a fundamental network protocol, the

fundamental network protocol underlining each of one or more wireless network protocols and to include a protocol stack that corresponds substantially to an Open System Interconnection (OSI) model and incorporates a simple network transport layer (SNTL), as recited by claims 11-14 and 16.

The Examiner relies on Meyers to allegedly make up for the deficiencies in Gleeson to arrive at the claimed features. The Applicants respectfully disagree.

Meyers' invention is directed toward a communications module that permits remote meter reading of a utility meter. However, Meyers' invention lacks any application to communications that occur over a plurality of wireless networks. Meyers fails to disclose or suggest use of a protocol gateway, much less a protocol stack, as recited by claims 11-14 and 16.


Thus, theoretically modifying Gleeson with Meyer would still fail to disclose or suggest a plurality of wireless networks to communicate messages between a client device and a server; and to support one or more wireless network protocols; and a protocol gateway to encapsulate a fundamental network protocol, the fundamental network protocol underlining each of one or more wireless network protocols and to include a protocol stack that corresponds substantially to an Open System Interconnection (OSI) model and incorporates a simple network transport layer (SNTL), as recited by claims 11-14 and 16.

Accordingly, for at least all the above reasons, claims 11-14 and 16 are patentable over the prior art of record. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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